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SUBJ: RECOGNITION OF NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY: WE ASSUME THAT QUESTION OF RECOGNITION OF NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WILL BE RAISED SHORTLY, POSSIBLY IN TODAY'S NOON STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING. FOLLOWING FACTORS MAY BE USEFUL TO DEPARTMENT IN THIS CONNECTION. GUIDANCE REQUESTED. END SUMMARY.

1. AS OF THIS MOMENT, THE NEW GOP JUNTA HAS MADE NO CONTACT WITH THE US EMBASSY ON THE SUBJECT OF RECOGNITION OR, INDEED, ON ANY SUBJECT. UK AND BRAZILIAN EMBASSIES REPORT THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY JUNTA. THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION HAS THEREFORE NOT BEEN RAISED OFFICIALLY. NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF THE EMBASSY IS CONTINUING BUT HAS NOT, AS YET,
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REQUIRED ANY CONTACT WITH THE NEW GOP. FYI HOWEVER,

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IF THERE IS TO BE ANY DELAY IN RECOGNITION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW TO HANDLE SUCH ROUTINE MATTERS AS AIRCRAFT CLEARANCES END FYI. BY ALL ACCOUNTS, THE JUNTA IS EXERCISING EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER TERRITORY AND POPULATION OF CONTINENTAL PORTUGAL AND ADJACENT ISLANDS. INDEED, OUR SURFACE OBSERVATIONS ARE THAT LARGE MAJORITY OF LISBON POPULACE IS ENTHUSIACTIC IN SUPPORT OF JUNTA, MOOD FOLLOWING SPINOLA'S TAKE-OVER BEING FESTIVE BEYOND CARNAVAL, AND NEWSPAPERS GLORYING IN FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION (ONE PROUDLY PROCLAIMING IN BOLD PRINT ON FRONT PAGE "THIS PAPER WAS NOT EXAMINED BY ANY CENSOR.") REPORTS FROM CONGENS LOURENCO MARQUES AND LUANDA AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION FROM PORTUGUESE GUINEA INDICATE THAT JUNTA EXERCISES SAME DEGREE OF CONTROL OVER THESE TERRITORIES AS DID PREDECESSOR GOP. WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT THAT JUNTA HAS THE CAPACITY TO CONDUCT FOREIGN RELATIONS EFFECTIVELY AND JUNTA HEAD, GENERAL SPINOLA, HAS PUBLICLY STATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO RESPECT PORTUGAL'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS. THUS NORMAL CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION APPEAR TO BE SATISFIED.

3. COMMENT: AS SEEN FROM VERY SHORT PERSPECTIVE WE NOW HAVE AVAILABLE, PRESENT REGIME SEEMS LIKELY TO BE MORE FAVORABLE TO US INTERESTS THAN ITS PREDECESSOR. WE ASSUME THAT IT WILL NOT BE LONG BEFORE JUNTA CONTACTS FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN LISBON SEEKING RECOGNITION. WE FEEL IT IMPORTANT THAT WE BE IN POSITION RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY WITH MINIMUM DELAY. WE THEREFORE URGE THAT DEPARTMENT REACH DECISION ASAP AND PROVIDE US WITH GUIDANCE.
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